



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Portland District

PUBLIC NOTICE

for Permit Application

25-Day Notice

Issue Date: July 11, 2003
Expiration Date: August 5, 2003
Corps of Engineers Action ID: 200300004
Oregon Division of State Lands Number: 26464-FP

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

Comments: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number and reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CENWP-OP-GE (Mr. Dominic Yballe)
1600 Executive Parkway Suite 210
Eugene, Oregon 97401-2156

Applicant: Mr. Cliff Woodruff
Northridge Construction
1692 Lynda Lane
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Location: The project site is located in the city of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The project occurs in Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 6 West and Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 6 West.

Project Description: The applicant is proposing to fill 0.79 acres of wetland to construct a road leading from New Hope Road to an 11-lot residential subdivision. A 48-inch culvert would be placed in an unnamed tributary to Allen Creek for the road crossing.

Mitigation: The applicant has provided a proposed compensatory wetland mitigation plan for the on-site enhancement of 3.82 acres of wetland. If a permit is issued, the Corps will determine what is appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation. The amount of compensatory mitigation required shall be commensurate with the anticipated impacts of the project.

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to provide houses to meet a projected local need.

Drawings: Nine (9) drawings are attached.

Additional Information: Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Dominic Yballe, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (541) 465-6894 or by e-mail at dominic.p.yballe@nwp01.usace.army.mil.

Authority: This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Sections 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Water Quality Certification: A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217), has been received or is waived from the certifying state. Attached is the state's notice advertising the request for certification.

Section 404(b)(1) Evaluation: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Hearing: Any person may request in writing that a public hearing be held to consider this application within the comment period specified in this notice. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Endangered Species: Preliminary determinations indicate that the described activity may affect endangered species or their critical habitat designated as designated under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). A final permit decision will not be made until consultation as required under Section 7 of the Act is completed.

Cultural Resources: There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development, there is little likelihood the proposed project will affect an undisturbed historic property or other type of cultural resource.

Evaluation: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity, will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Additional Requirements: State law requires that leases, easements, or permits be obtained for certain works or activity in the described waters. These State requirements must be met where applicable and a Department of the Army permit must be obtained before any work within the applicable Statutory Authority previously indicated may be accomplished. Other local governmental agencies may also have ordinances or requirements, which must be satisfied before the work is accomplished.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality 401 Certification

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Notice Issued: July 11, 2003
Written Comments Due: August 5, 2003

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LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice.

WHAT IS PROPOSED: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

NEED FOR CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to surface waters.

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: Documents and related material are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 811 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-1390.

While not required, scheduling an appointment will ensure documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment, please call Ms. Alice Kavajecz at (503) 229-6962.

Any questions on the proposed certification may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator, (503) 229-5845 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY at (503) 229-6993.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

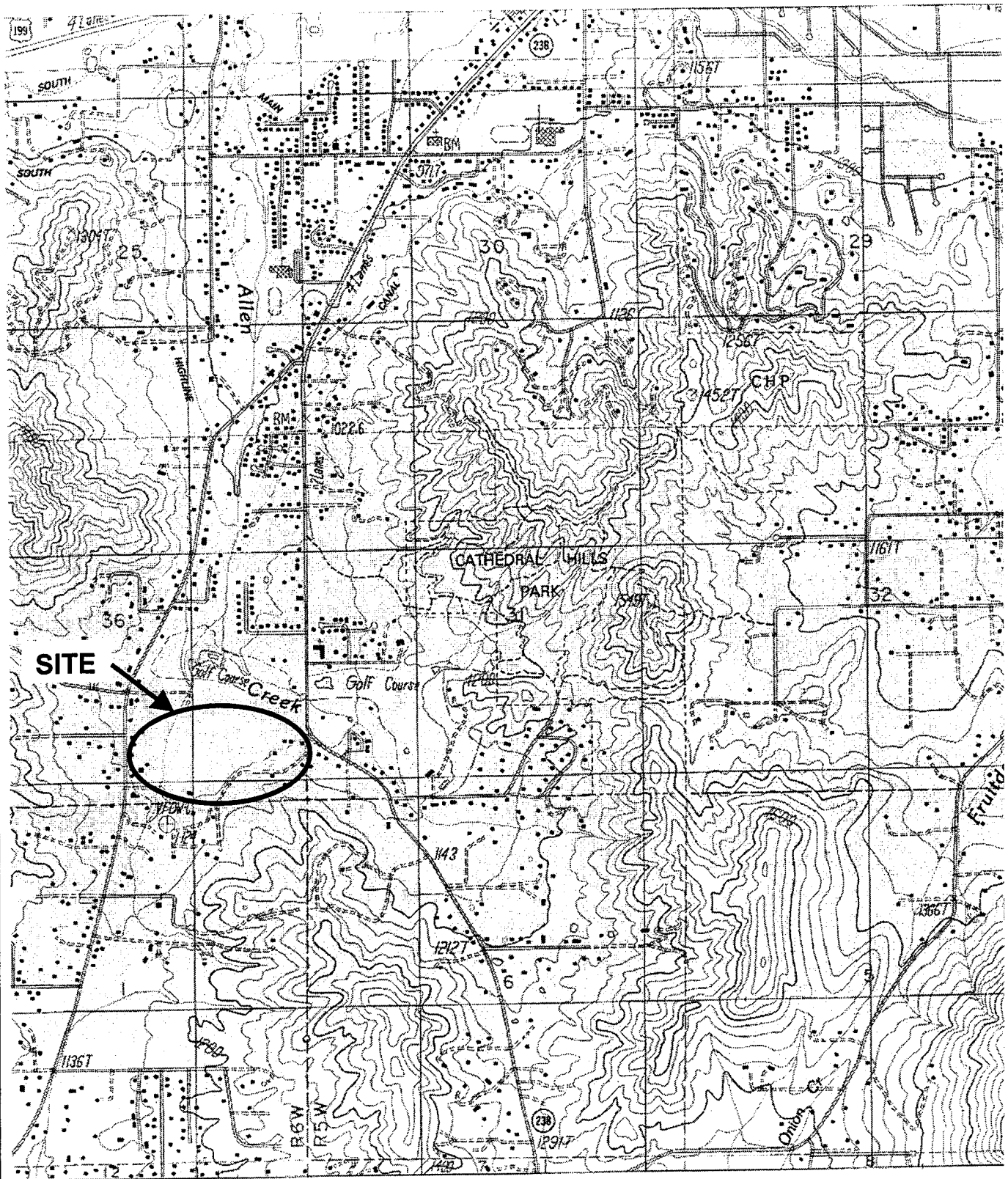
Public Hearing: Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0020 (6) states that "The Director shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, any affected state, or any interested agency, person, or group of persons to request or petition for a public hearing with respect to certification applications. If the Director determines that new information may be produced thereby, a public hearing will be held prior to the Director's final determination. Instances of doubt shall be resolved in favor of holding the hearing. There shall be public notice of such a hearing."

Written comments:

Written comments on the proposed certification must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on August 5, 2003. Written comments should be mailed to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: 401 Program Coordinator, 811 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-1390 or faxed to (503) 229-6124. ***People wishing to send written comments via e-mail should be aware that if there is a delay between servers or if a server is not functioning properly, e-mails may not be received prior to the close of the public comment period.*** People wishing to send comments via e-mail should send them in Microsoft Word (through version 7.0), WordPerfect (through version 6.x) or plain text format at deq.infor@deqstate.or.us. Otherwise due to conversion difficulties, DEQ recommends that comments be sent in hard copy.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, the permit may be issued as proposed, modified, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you present either oral or written comments during the comment period. Otherwise if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION: This publication is available in alternate format (e.g. large print, Braille) upon request. Please contact DEQ Public Affairs at (503) 229-5766 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 to request an alternate format. People with a hearing impairment can receive help by calling DEQ's TTY at (503) 229-6993.



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Location and general topography for the proposed Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon (USGS, Grants Pass, Oregon quadrangle, Provisional Edition, 1986).

FIGURE
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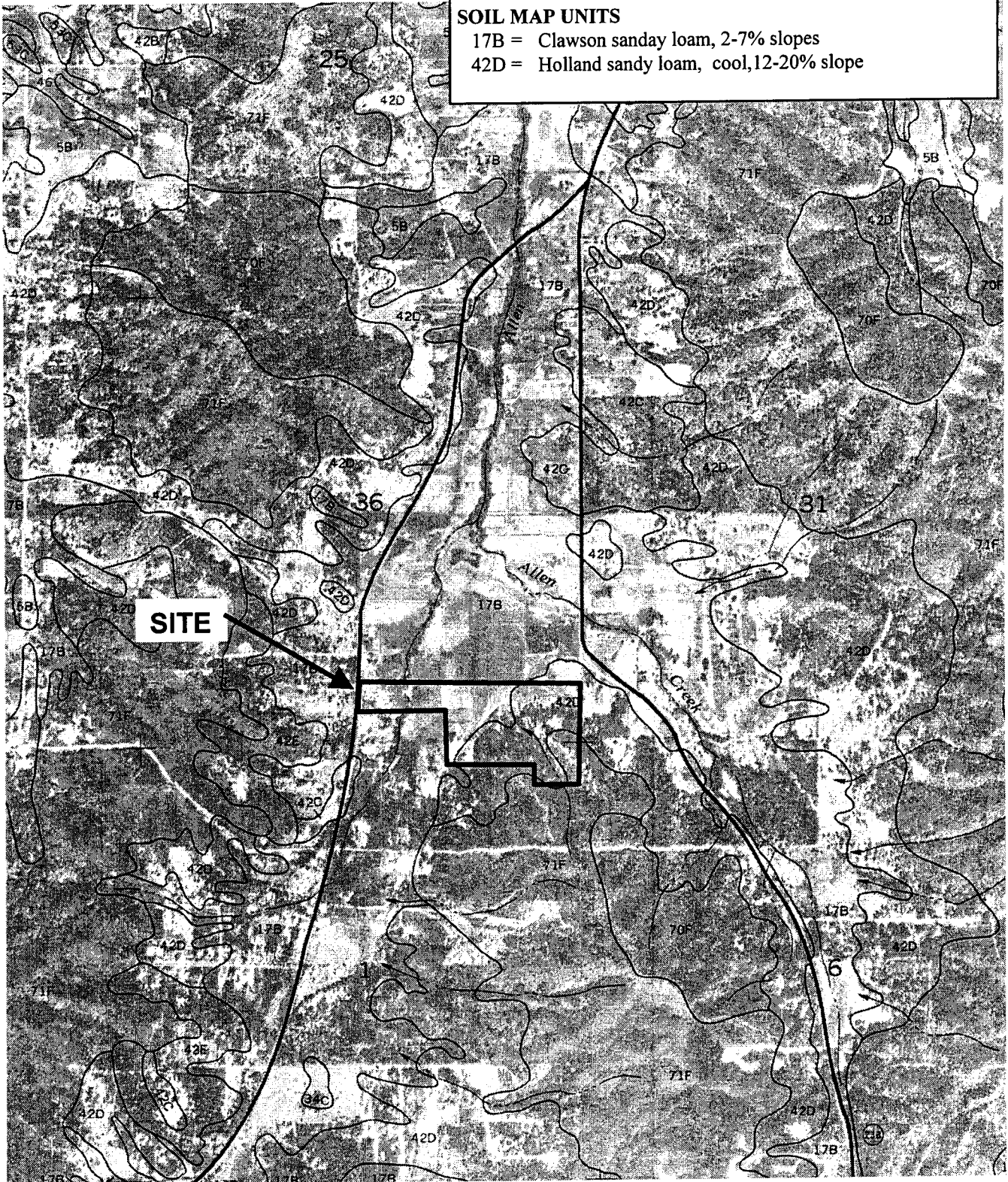
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SOIL MAP UNITS

17B = Clawson sandy loam, 2-7% slopes

42D = Holland sandy loam, cool, 12-20% slope



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Soil series for the proposed Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon (SCS, Soil Survey of Josephine County, Oregon, 1983, sheet number 49).

FIGURE

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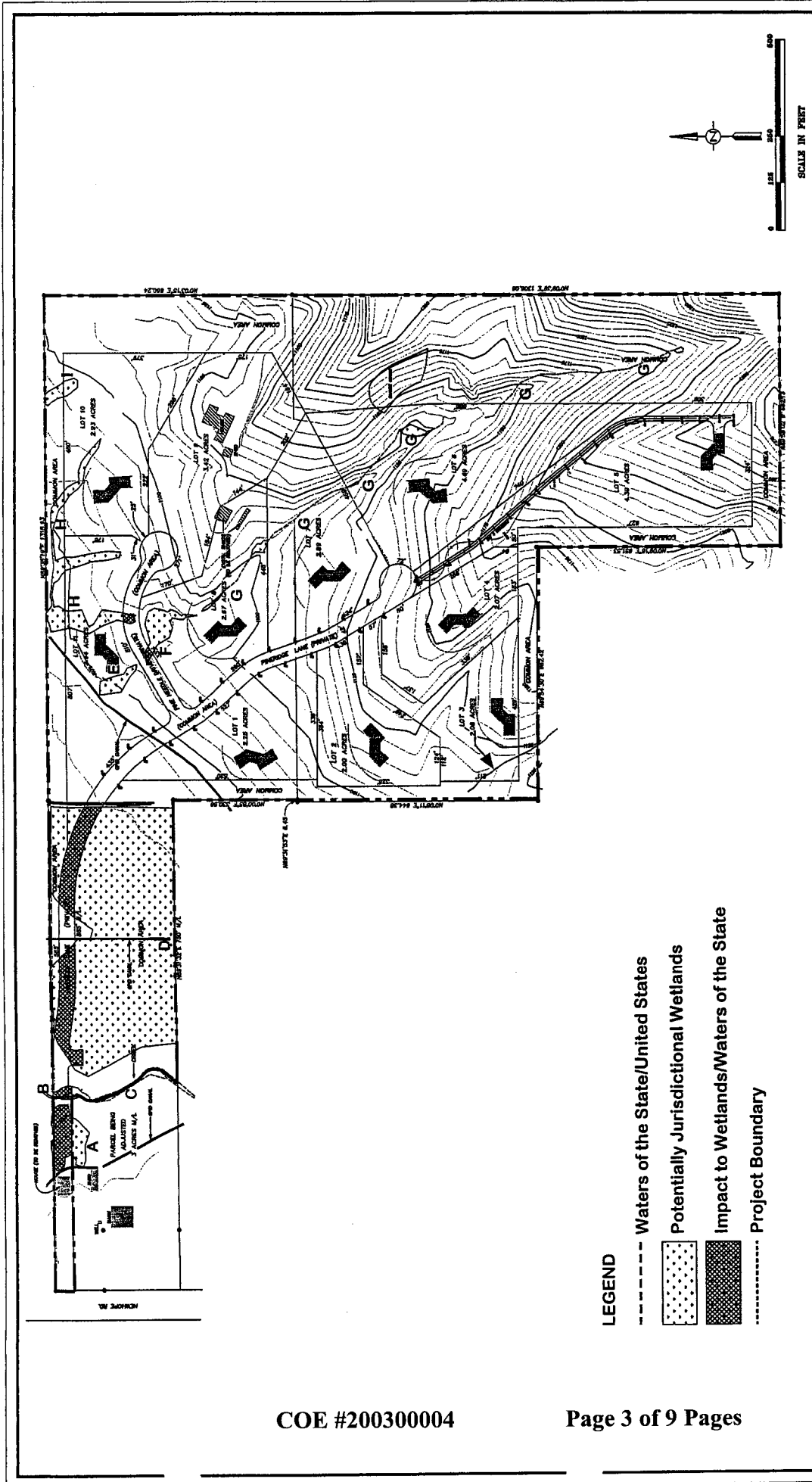
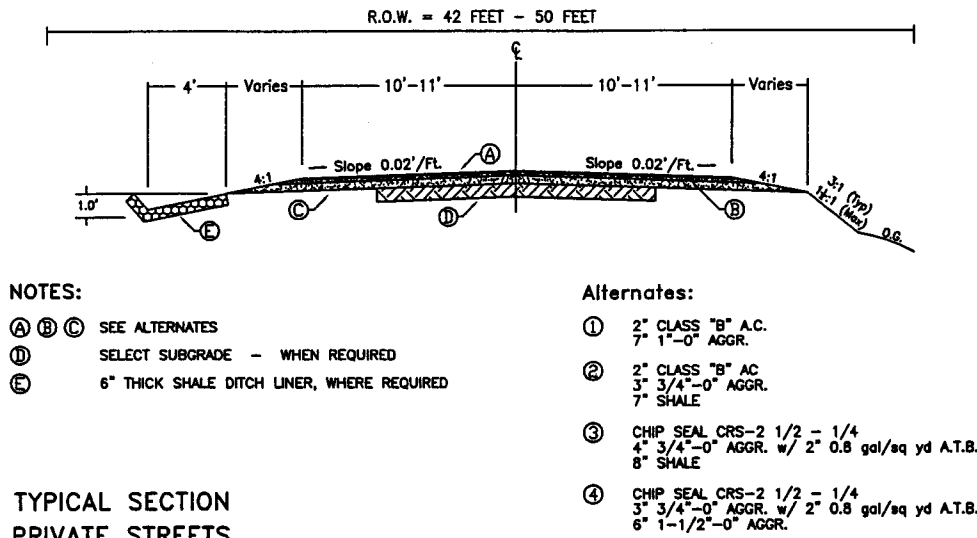


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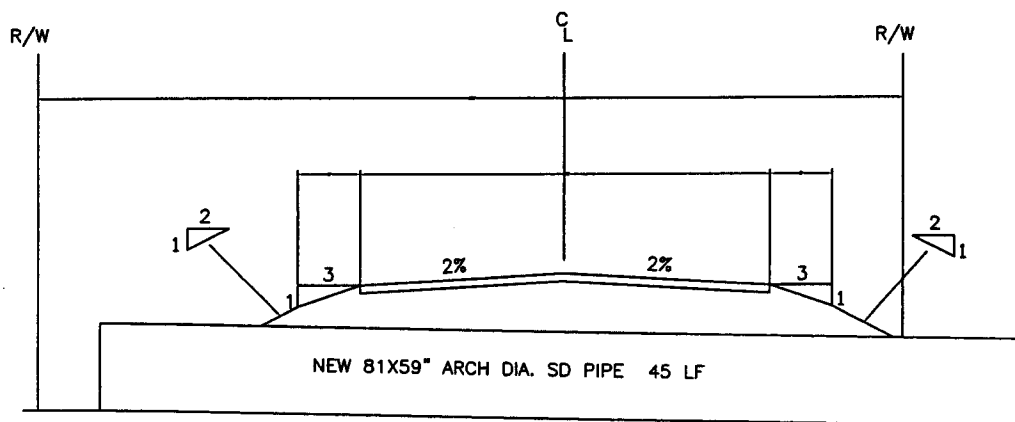
Development plan and wetland impacts for the Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon (site plan provided by Reece and Associates, 2003).



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CROSS-SECTION THROUGH PROPOSED ROAD



LONGITUDINAL CROSS-SECTION THROUGH PROPOSED CULVERT

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Cross-sections through impacts of road and culvert
(provided by Reece and Associates, 2003).

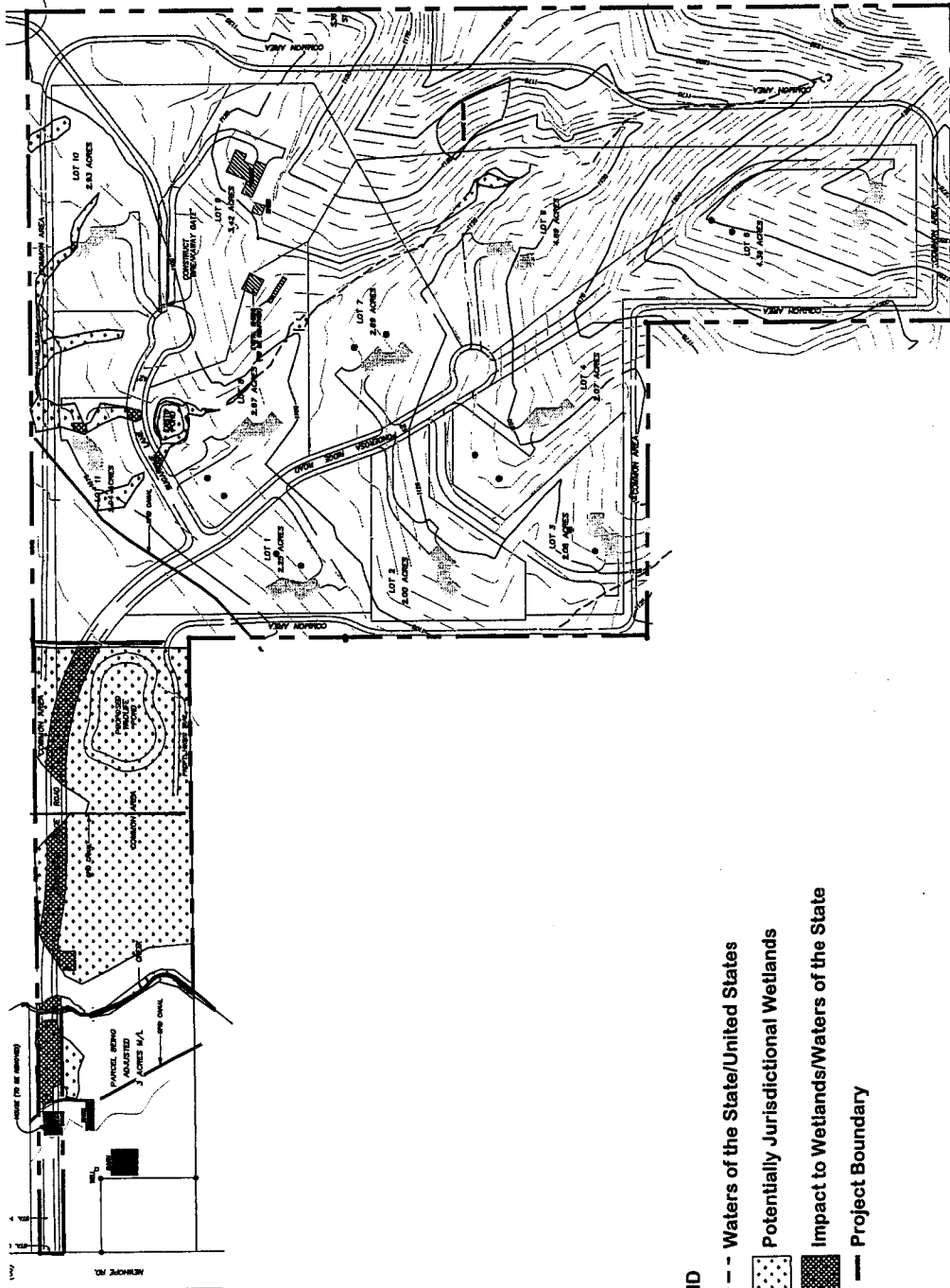
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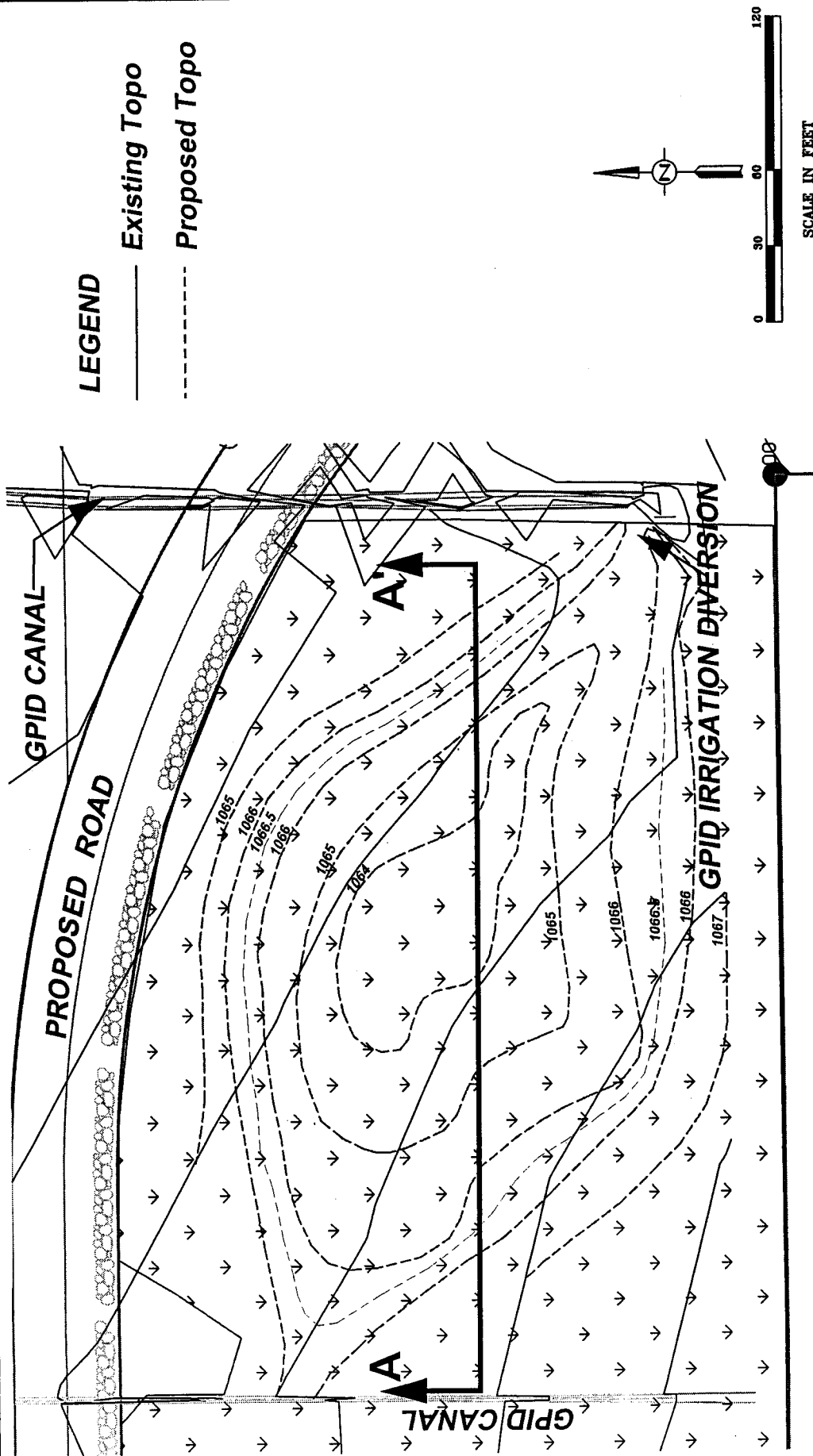
- Waters of the State/United States
- [Stippled Pattern] Potentially Jurisdictional Wetlands
- [Cross-hatched Pattern] Impact to Wetlands/Waters of the State
- Project Boundary

FIGURE 5

Previous site design and impacts for the Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon (survey by Peter Allen Land Surveying, 2003).



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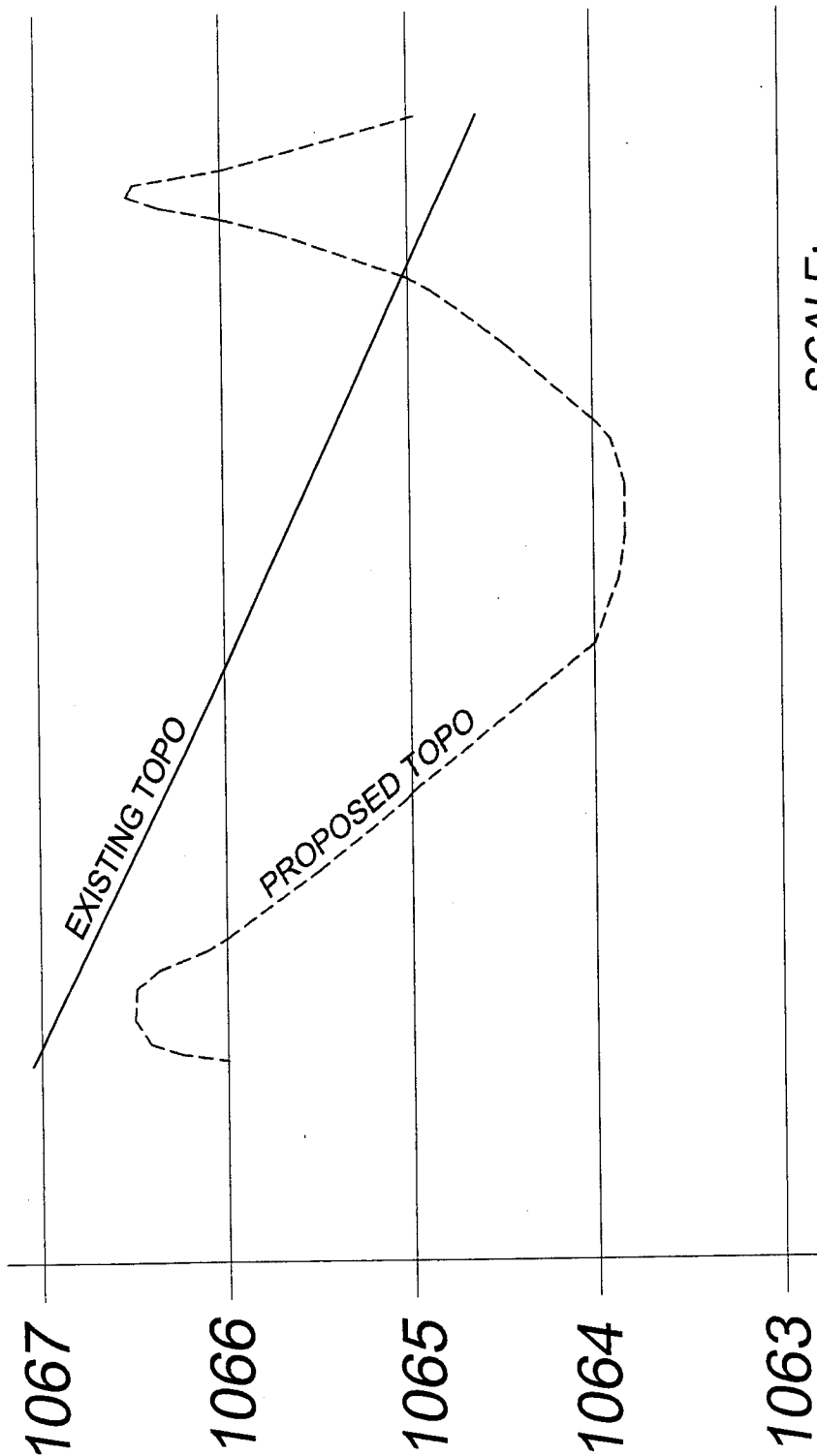
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Proposed conceptual grading plan for wetland enhancement pond at Ponderosa Ridge (base map provided by Reece and Associates, 2003).

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1"=50' (vertical and horizontal)

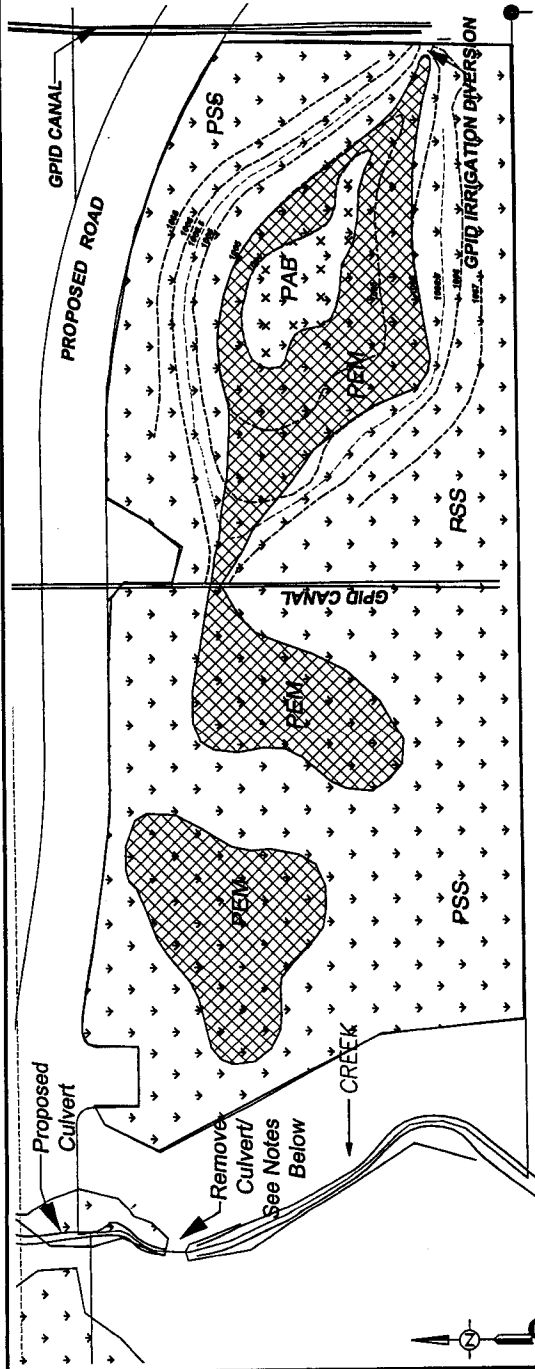
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Cross-section of proposed grading at wetland enhancement pond at Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon.

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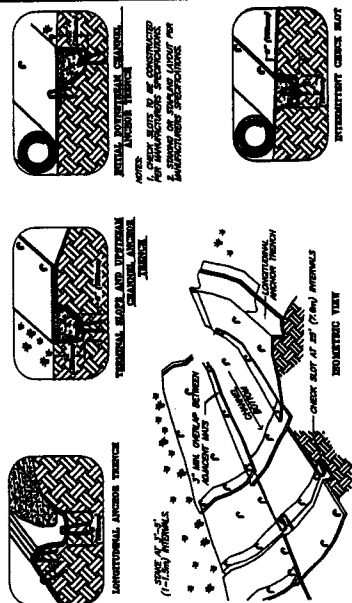
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- NOTES:
1. Remove existing culvert
 2. Restore bank to natural slope
 3. Install erosion control matting per detail
 4. Seed with Seed Mix #2
 5. Plant 100 willow cuttings on bank per detail

- Bareroot Note: bareroot plants at same size or larger may be substituted for container stock if planting is done between February 1 and March 1.
- Livestake Note: live stakes of native willows may be substituted for container stock if planting is done between February 1 and March 1 and an additional 20% are planted. See Figure 8C for detail of live stake installation

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Quantity	Comments
TREES/SHRUBS (PSS)				
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	Black hawthorn	24-36"	500	Bareroot rate
<i>Rosa pratincola</i>	Cherokee rose	12-18"	500	Bareroot rate
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i> or <i>betula</i>	Spirea douglasii	12-18"	350	Bareroot rate
<i>Salix spp. (salicoides, lasiolepis)</i>	Willow (various species)	12-24"	1,500	Live stakes rate
<i>Alnus incana</i>	White alder	24-36"	500	Bareroot rate
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	24-36"	350	Bareroot rate
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	18-24"	85	Bareroot rate
HERBACEOUS (PEM)				
<i>Carex stipula</i>	Sawbeak sedge	bareroot	3000	
<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	Woolly sedge	bareroot	3000	
<i>Juncus bolanderi</i>	Bolander's rush	bareroot	2000	
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Small fruited bulrush	bareroot	1000	
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	Water plantain	bareroot	100	In lower elevations
<i>Vernonia americana</i>	American speedwell	bareroot	200	In lower elevations
HERBACEOUS (PAB)				
<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	Hardstem bulrush	bareroot	200	In lowest elevations
<i>Typcha latifolia</i>	cuttail	bareroot	100	
SEEDING (PEM)				
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	Rice cutgrass	seed	4000 PLS	Mix #1
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>	Water foxtail	seed	4000 PLS	(in excavated area)
<i>Agrostis exarata</i>	spike bentgrass	seed	4000 PLS	
<i>Glyceria occidentalis</i>	western manna grass	seed	9000 PLS	
SEEDING (Riparian)				
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	seed	12000 PLS	Mix #2
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	wild blue eye	seed	12000 PLS	(along creek)
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	red fescue	seed	6000 PLS	

*PLS= pure live seed, depending on assessed germination rates, provides starting point for seedling rates

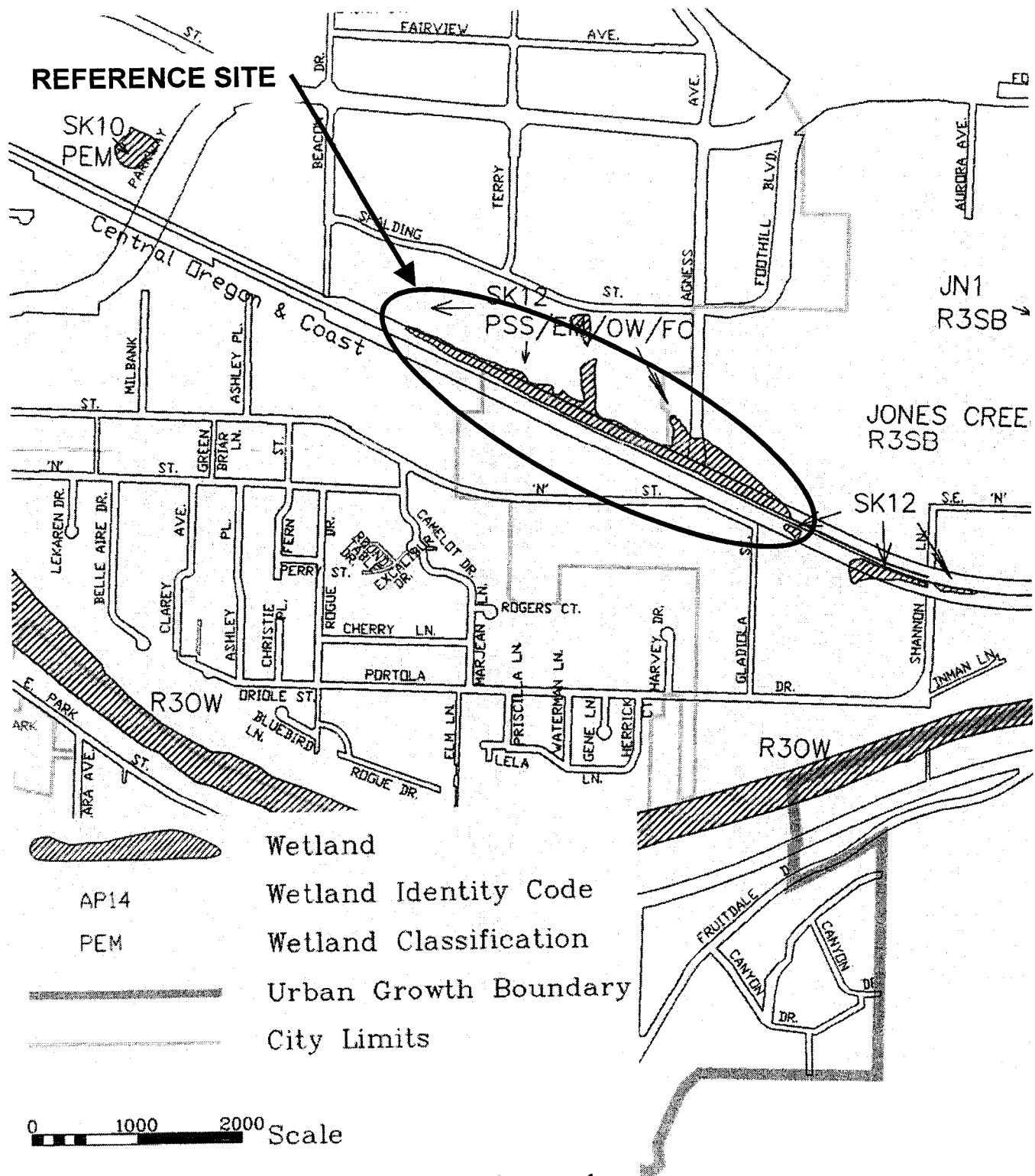


EROSION CONTROL MATTING, CHANNEL NTS

Planting schematic for proposed wetland enhancement pond and bank restoration along Allen Creek tributary at Ponderosa Ridge development in Josephine County, Oregon (survey by Peter Allen Land Surveying, 2003).



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Reference site location from the Local Wetlands Inventory in Grants Pass, Oregon
(Grants Pass Urban Area Wetlands Inventory, City of Grants Pass, 1992)

FIGURE
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